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Ms. Patrice Walker Powell, Acting Chairman
National Endowment for the Arts (NEA)
1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20506

Re: National Initiatives

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am pleased to submit for your consideration a project proposed by artist Doug Arnholter of Indianapolis, Indiana. I have enclosed his correspondence and project description for review by the National Endowment for the Arts.

Although Mr. Arnholter's project is an unsolicited proposal I am hopeful the NEA will consider this proposal as a possible National Initiative. I commend this effort to convey important knowledge and appreciation for the value of art in our society.

I am confident the National Endowment for the Arts and its staff will provide thoughtful review of this application. You may direct any questions to the attention of Mr. Lane A. Ralph of my Indiana staff at 10 West Market Street, Suite 1180, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2964. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Richard G. Lugar
United States Senator

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cc: Doug Arnholter